Utilizations of funds meant for STs and weaker sections

†414. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to various States during the last three years for different schemes formulated for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and weaker sections of the society and the amount actually utilized out of such allocation; and

(b) the reasons for not utilizing the allocated amount?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Statements giving details of funds released and utilized under different schemes for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Weaker Sections of the Society in last three years are given in the * Annexure. [See Appendix 203. Annexure No. 5] The reasons for not utilizing the released amount in a particular year differ from State to State and Scheme to Scheme. However, the unutilized amounts are adjusted in the releases in the next financial year.

Elimination of manual scavenging of human wastes

415. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis (NCSK) has submitted any special report on the status of implementation of the constitutional directive on elimination of manual scavenging of human wastes;

(b) the States where this directive is currently enforced;

(c) the States where this directive is yet to be implemented; and

(d) whether the Centre has set any deadline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information available with the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and all the UTs have adopted the Employment of Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohitbition) Act, 1993.

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